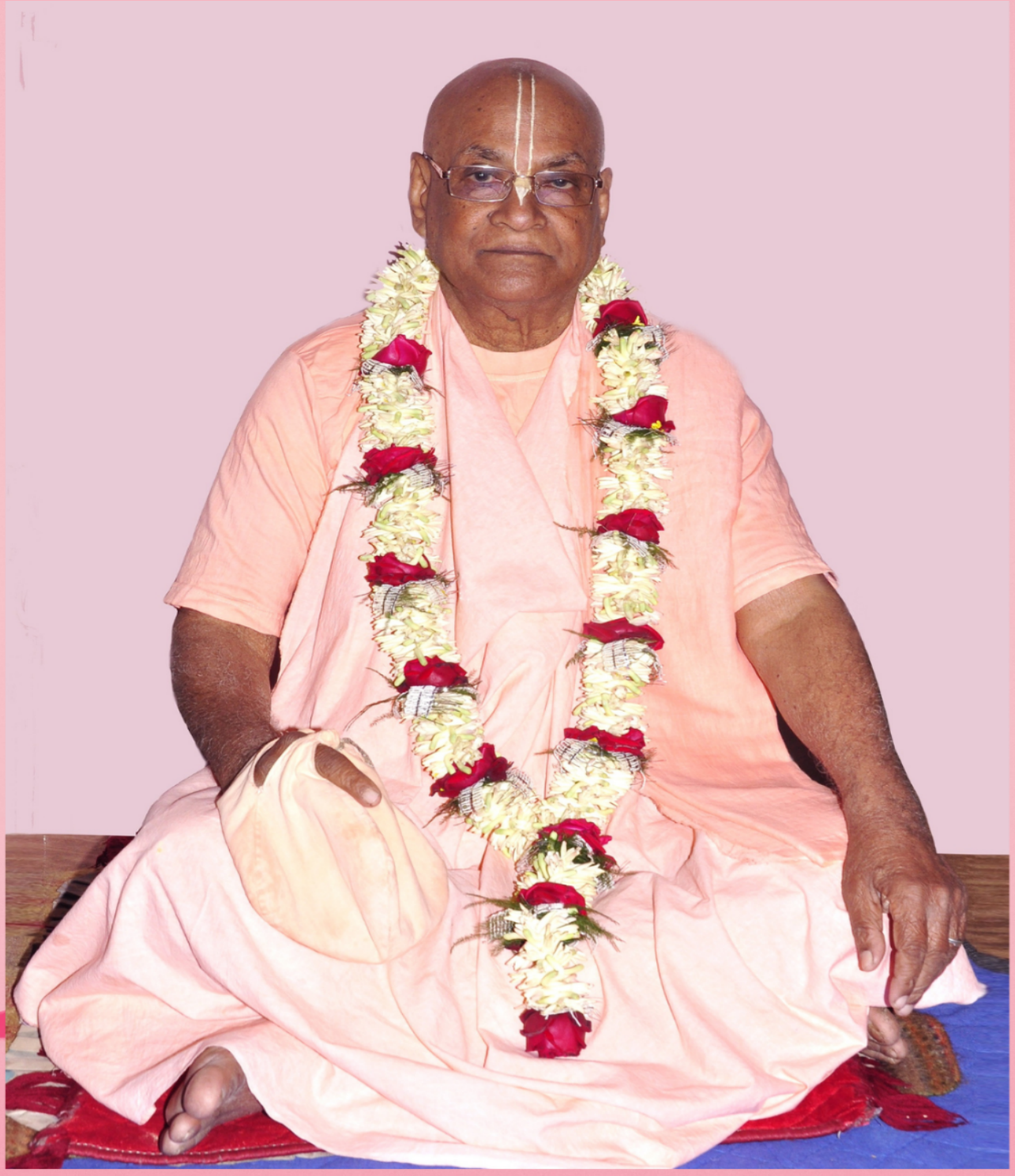


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Publisher's Dedication

By the boundless mercy of Sri Sri Guru Gauranga and respected Vaishnavas this lowly being appeals that one of the dearest disciples of HDG Sri Srila Bhakti Siddhant Saraswati Goswami Thakur Prabhupada (the founder Acharya of the world wide Sri Chaitanya Math and 64 Gaudiya Maths), HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti kamal Madhusudhan Goswami Maharaj's most eligible and obedient disciple, our reverend Srila Gurupada-padma His Divine Grace Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja's Autobiography, is going to be published for our ardently devoted god-brothers and god-sisters and also for those who are respectful to the lotus feet Srila GuruMaharaj and have requested to know about his transcendental life and pastimes.

I am not conversant fully about the life and pastimes of Srila Gurupada-padma but keeping everyone's insistence in mind this destitute being has compiled a very brief writeup on the life and precepts of Srila Gurupada-padma's and presented it before everyone of you as it is. In case of any error please forgive me with your Vaishnava qualities.

Srila Gurupada-padma has been, is and will forever be the beacon of light in our hearts filled with the darkness of ignorance which he illuminates through his many pastimes that he has enacted and continues to enact to this present day.

May the manifested, manifesting and not yet manifested pastimes of His Divine Grace continue to inspire us in our path back to godhead.

It is my humble prayer at the feet of every Vaishnava-gan to study and become aware of Srila Gurupada-padma's biography, on doing so I will be ever-grateful to everyone's feet.

----- Sri Sri Guru Vaishnava-padaraja Prarthi
Bhakti Nayan Tirtha

Preface

Saints, Guru-Vaishnavas manifest in this material world with some specific mission and after the completion of that mission they again go back to the transcendental world. This emergence and disappearance of the saintly personalities take place to highlight their humble nature and wisdom that act as an example to the common living entity so that they can follow in their footsteps and gain the original achievement of going back to The Godhead.

" yada yada hi dharmasya
glanir bhavati bharata
abhyutthanam adharmasya
tadatmanam srjamy aham"

Translation: Whenever and wherever there is a decline in religious practice, O descendant of Bharata, and a predominant rise of irreligion–at that time I descend Myself. [B.G. 4:7]

So The Supreme God descends to this material world every time there is deterioration of moral and increase of injustice, to deliver the saints and annihilate the immoral, to establish justice he comes in every millennium. Similarly, saintly personalities are God's representatives and thus are

encouraged by the Lord to manifest themselves with Him so that the people who are sinful, ignorant of The Lord's existence, drowned in their sinful activities and material senses, who have forgotten their original identity as God's eternal servant, can be delivered. Sri Gaura Hari- The Supreme Godhead Himself manifested in this illusory world to aware everyone about Radha-Shyam's eternal love in Golok Vrindavan.

Following his footsteps, in the Guru Parampara of Sri Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya Sampradaya after one of the dearest disciples of HDG Sri Srila BhaktiSiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur Prabhupada (The Founder Acharya of Worldwide Sri Chaitanya Math and 64 Sri Gaudiya Maths), HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja (the Founder-Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math of Burdwan, Mayapur, Kolkata) completed his material pastimes and took departure from this material world in this lineage his most competent and qualified disciple Srila Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaj was appointed as the Present President Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math(Mithapukur Road Burdwan, Sridham Mayapur, Kolkata). He has been an epitome of wisdom, unimpeachable conduct, respectful towards his superiors, love for everyone (every living entity), living the ideal life in God consciousness, providing discourses about the connection of living entity with The Supreme Lord-all these attributes layout the ideals of the perfect way of living the correct way of life. I

bow down my head to the lotus feet of my beloved Srila Gurupada-padma and pray to him to give opportunity to this insignificant servant to be able to serve him for births after births.

---- Insignificant servant at the lotus feet of Guru Vaishnava,
Bhakti Chandan Aranya

Pranam Mantra

Pranam- Mantra of HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja

Sri Brahma Madhva-Gaudiya Saraswate namostute,
Sri Guru-Gaura-Gandharva Govinda bhakti Jivinay.
Acharjayo vicharjayo-pracharjayo tamonuday,
Kritagayo rasogayo nitigayo namostute.
Sattam-Sevakottam-manadottam baghminay,
Santadantaya khantayo mahantayo namo namah.
Satyabrataya santanya saujanya sabhyamurtaye,
BhaktiJivan Acharya Gurudevaya te namah.

Translation: I offer my profound obeisances to Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja, who is an obedient follower of Sri Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya Sampradaya in the line of Srila Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada and whose whole sole purpose of life is the unalloyed devotion to Sri Sri Radha Govind jiu.

I offer my humble homage to Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja, who is most upright, skilled in pious philosophical resolutions; rapt in devotional preaching being devoid of any slackness; tirelessly engaged in devotional preaching and ever grateful to The Lord; steeped in the ambrosia of devotional service and ever established in the tenets of rendering service to the Supreme Lord.

One who is of saintly nature; always willing to serve Hari Guru and Vaishnavas; who is foremost in constantly offering respect to everyone; who is exalted in discourse of The Lord's pastimes.

Whose mind and senses are fully under control so that his state of mind is not diverted in any scenario, merciful to all, I repeatedly offer my respectful obeisances to such a great personality.

We bow respectfully to my Gurupada-padma Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami whose allegiance is only based on truth; who is equanimous; who is filled with graciousness and a personification of courteousness and all other Vaishnava qualities.

Srila Gurupada-Padma's brief biography

Appearance Tithi

HDG Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaj made his appearance at Mohati, Mednipura district, in the state of West Bengal, on 6th June, 1933, Tuesday (on Tithi of Panihati dadhichira mahotsava of Raghunath Dasa Goswami) and in Bengali year (bengali appearance date-- Ashar, Tribikram month, waxing moon, GauraTrayodashi Tithi) 1340. He belongs to Bratya-kshatriya kula and he is the third son of his parents Haripada Mahanta (father) and Lalitakusum Devi Mahanta (mother). His purvashrama name (name given by his parents) was Laxmi Narayan Mahanta.

Childhood Experiences

At the young age of seven years he lost his father. After that, his upbringing was maintained by his (paternal) grandmother who went by the name- Baradamayi Devi. She was a very pure devotee of the Lord and except Krishna's pastimes she would not involve herself in any mundane matters. In his childhood, just by listening to the recitations of Sri Ramayan and Mahabharat from his

grandmother, Srila Gurumaharaj had also captured the narrations perfectly. He always stayed with his grandmother.

Once, in the early days, Srila Gurumaharaj went to Ganga-Sagar Sangam with his mother, there was an assemblage of uncountable saints; having taken their Darshan(audience) he became very afraid of them, and also kept feelings of distastefulness about saintly people in his mind because he thought that Sadhus (saints) become so (sadhu) by renouncing their parents. After this very incident, astoundingly every night he would have Darshan of Saints in his dreams making him wail in distress but on getting up he felt very glad about having darshan of saints. Srila GuruMaharaj feels that this incident was an indication of him becoming a Sadhu (saint) in the near future. Srila Gurumaharaj's grandmother's father was the only Vaishnava in the whole lineage. Inspired, GuruMaharaj's grandmother made a rule of reading Srimad Bhagavatam, Mahabharat or Sri Ramayan alternatively, every evening, or else dinner would not be served. Everyone followed the rule and so did he. He was brought up in such a devotional atmosphere.

Srila GuruMaharaj's grandmother always possessed friendliness and humility towards any Vaishnavas she would come across and would also perform sandhu-sangha and kirtans (favoured Holy songs, hymns, shlokas etc.) with them.

One more thing she always instructed is

"Khaile ashesha vyadhi, na khaile mari
Alpa aahar alpa nidra sadhu sanghe chali"

If we eat excessively then we encounter various ailments; if we don't take meals at all then we die. Therefore, we should take limited meals and sleep and spend as much time in saintly association as possible.

This speech implies that there is no way of liberation without saintly association. He carried out every instruction word-by-word as instructed by his grandmother and got devotional redirection from her. From this he highlighted the prominence of leading one's life in saintly association.

She (Grandmother) neither had any particular mantras (numinous words or syllables) nor any specific Vaishnava customs but she would chant Holy names of the lord, Bhagvat-gita, Ramayan, Mahabharat, Shrimad Bhagavatam and other sacred epics and hymns all day, always. She would remember the Lord every moment of her life.

Srila Gurupada-padma's grandmother, during her last breaths, gave him (Srila Gurupada-padma) blessings that he would be victorious in every discipline. Just

as when clay(soil) is fist locked, it becomes gold, he will be victorious just like that. She gave him blessings with such beautiful words.

Srila Gurupada-padma's grandmother left her material body while concentrating on Harinama (Holy name); she attained liberation through such an act. Srila GuruMaharaj takes this as a highly astounding, auspicious and rare departure of a living entity.

After his grandmother's demise, Srila GuruMaharaj was saddened and felt the lack of her presence. He would think that if his grandmother's demise has struck him so vigorously then how will he ever comprehend when it would be his mother's turn.

One day in the afternoon, Srila GuruMaharaj, as a young, innocent boy, asked his (maternal) grandmother about her Diksha Mantra, to share the mantra with him, to which she replied that a Diksha Mantra can only be attained from a Guru with Guru-shishya disciplic procedure. He then respectfully replied that she has this mantra and she is his Guru then she can comfortably recite the mantra to him. His (maternal) grandmother then gave him the Ashta-dashàkshar mantra. He also received a procedure booklet which had an inscription of Brahma-Gayatri from her. He would chant it everyday, even while bathing as he didn't know much about the rules & restrictions . Even without much knowledge about scriptures and proper shlokas he had faith in the Supreme

Lord from a very early age. It might have been his purna-sanskar or pious deeds of previous lifetimes that he was so interested in everything which included The God in it.

After his grandmother's demise he started to feel lonely and sad. The materialistic/ worldly affairs did not interest him in the least. He was detached from worldly affairs from his childhood. His life was not very prosperous as he and his family relied solely on agriculture, but he was satisfied with what he had. He never felt deficient in anything. Though such event of Srila Gurupada-padma's life reminds us of the teaching which is very important for us that always Srila Gurupada-padma mentions, "Whatever we achieve and are subjected to in our life that is due to our purva sanskaras (actions performed in our previous lives), however the most important fact is God is our well wisher."

Lord says in Bhagavad-gita [BG 9.29]:

samo 'haṁ sarva-bhūteṣu
na me dveṣyo 'sti na priyaḥ
ye bhajanti tu māṁ bhaktyā
mayi te teṣu cāpy aham

"I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all. But whoever renders service unto Me in devotion is a friend, is in Me, and I am also a friend to him."

God is the master of all living entities and in upbringing of all living beings. He has no connection with who hates Him or not because He is the source of all goodness. As an example, when we get a letter from our relatives, friends through a postman, do we become neither angry nor happy at the postman if we receive any auspicious or unfavorable news; we don't make a letter carrier responsible for the bad or good news we receive. Similarly He (Lord) is like a postman or letter carrier. He is just a provider of our fruits of good or bad action. So why should we keep negative feelings for the Lord in our mind? He is our Supreme protector so our vishwas (faith) on God must be very firm that whatever he is providing for us we should be satisfied. Santosh (satisfaction) is an important quality to become a pure devotee of Lord."

In 1949 - 50 a famine took place; there were not many resources or comforts even then he would happily enjoy whatever was available, his limited meals. The material matters didn't attract him at all. Whenever he would come across people in conflict with each other, it hurt him; he would be overcome with sadness and worry for them. When he was around 14-15 years of age, he would sit in the fields near a river, gazing at the sky and introspecting about what to do, where to go, who he could call his own, whom to ask for answers, etc. He would try to find solutions for getting out of this mundane life but to no avail.

School Life

Srila Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) started his school in Radhakanta Primary school, located beside Radhakanta temple, at Devichak, Mohati, Mednipura. He completed his further high school studies at Shashi-bhushan Institute (English medium). He was a brilliant student with excellent grades and an active mind. From his childhood Srila Gurupada-padma was always situated in the spiritual contemplation so never desired further for any worldly achievement or upadhi (designation). He was so punctual that everytime he got the time to study he put his all into it, without any deceit. At that time there were no tutors to separately teach children, so Srila Gurupada-padma absorbed whatever his school teacher taught and studied everything on his own. He believed that if wisdom and intelligence are not utilized in the service of The Lord then there is no meaning to carry the load of such intelligence. It would not take anyone to the successful path.

When Srila Gurupada-padma was in school he used to go to the 'Jhulan Utsav' in Sri RadhaKanta temple. Everyone in the temple was familiar with him. He used to adorn the RadhaKant deities with beautiful and fragrant flowers. He used to feel pleasure in serving the deity this way. He says that the bliss he felt in it can not be described in words. Seeing his dedication, the priest of the temple

once asked him to take the Prasad, he lovingly accepted the Prasad. On tasting the Prasad he lost himself in its scrumptious taste and began praising the Prasad, about how the fried bananas, Dal-Gud, Paramanna (sweet rice) had eternal aroma and luscious taste. Another time a temple-servitor asked him to have some 'Charnamrita' (prepared by adding Basil leaves to a mixture of milk and water that is collected after washing the feet of the deity). He lovingly accepted it with both hands stretched in the receiving position. He felt the bliss yet again with its taste that he just could not explain through words. Gurupada-padma that he neither has ever had experienced something that great of a taste nor has till yet. He says that he still experiences the sensations of having that Prasad whenever he remembers about it. His education ceased after his High school.

Work Life

Later, in accordance with his house environment, he made entrance in a school of carpentry. Soon he started working as a carpenter. He was very active and sincere/honest towards his work/profession and never took anything for granted. His work was as beautiful as his heart. He would complete the given work within a day, without delaying. His colleagues would question his way of doing work, saying that he could earn more money by expanding the finishing time for another day or two. Srila Gurupada-padma didn't like to work that way. It was dishonesty towards the work and oneself, according to him. He would say that this way of dishonesty should not be expected of him, he had everything with the grace of the Lord and that he didn't want even an extra inch of anything. He was satiated with what he had. With the mercy of the Lord he later got free from that working life. He kept thinking ways of getting out of this flaming-liquid-like material world. There was not a single moment where he let his mind wander anywhere and fixed it on remembering Krishna's pastimes. He had a rule/trick where whatever was to be counted he did so with Holy names of Lord- Ram, Gopal, Giridhara etc. This was his way of always being in contact with Krishna.

In Search of Krishna

In Srila Gurupada-padma's previous Ashram(village) , there was a Swami Vivekanand Club library which held a theatre every year. Srila GuruMaharaj got in contact with the club during his school days. During his teenage years he was a very shy person; the seniors of the club took him in and assigned roles like Krishna, Arjun, Draupadi and many other female roles to him. Srila Guru Maharaj would become extremely cheerful whenever he had to perform Krishna related acts.

He believes it was an indication for delivering Harikatha discourse to a larger audience in the future, as is being done in the present. Srila Guru Maharaj was a bookworm. He finished scrutinizing all the religious and spiritual books in the club's library when Srila GuruMaharaj was 16 to17 years old but his exploration of the spiritual truth did not find a satiative answer. At long last he encountered 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' which quenched his, what he felt like, eternal thirst.

He was smitten with anything related to Krishna. Whenever he would see someone acting out Krishna's role during theatres, he would consider him as Krishna himself. He detested materialistic life and matters. Sometimes when there used to be some kind of conflict at home, he would just walk out of the

house the very moment to some solitary place for peace, then he would come back after some time. If, even after that the conflict continued he would walk out again. He never stayed at home during conflicts/quarrels even for a short duration.

He is very-kind hearted, always has been. Whenever he saw some cattles ruining someone else's fields, it would hurt him more. Srila Gurupada-padma questions, "Why don't we understand others' sorrows and think of their pains as our own? Why do we present our problems holding more importance and make them seem bigger as compared to others' "? Due to such utmost empathetic nature and his inclination towards spirituality, his village people would mock him, calling him 'dharm-putra'.

These mundane matters didn't excite him and he thought about overcoming these but could not understand how. After much pondering, he came to a conclusion that he should stay away from such people, including his quarrel-surrounded family and should avoid their company. But he didn't know where to go. He could not come up with a place to reside after leaving everything behind.

Once, during a conflict, his elder brother said about moving to 'Sri Ramakrishna Mission (Math) due to all the ruckus taking place every now and then. This news reached Srila GuruMaharaj's ears and entered his mind. He didn't exactly know much about Gaudiya Sampradayas or Gaudiya Math at that young age.

But he thought that now he had finally found a way out of this ever-paining material life and that he didn't have to endure this all his life. Now he had got an anchor to his wavering ship, he would be free from the suffering of the worldly bondage. All these thoughts flooded him. Now he began to think about the Math he should stay in. He could not decide on any as he didn't have enough information about it.

Then on a blessed day, by the mercy of The Supreme Lord, he got in contact with a familiar Gaudiya Vaishnav who was his God-brother (Rishikesh Dashadhikari). Srila GuruMaharaj apprised him that he wanted to get out of all these worldly affairs. The Godbrother replied that his Srila GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja) lives in Burdwan and that he would take him there.

Srila Gurupada-padma used to read a monthly magazine published by Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Navadwipa. At home, he had Gaudiya Kirtan books, Vandana of Sri Bhagavan, Vaishnava, stotra, Dashavatar stotra, and kirtans were all memorized by him. He was aware that Krishna hymns were to be sung but he didn't understand how he could please Krishna and attain Him. He would ponder over this all the time, on reading books. He genuinely wanted to get out of the worldly hurricane. But his mind was restless. Different notions would disturb him.

He would worry "what if such comforts will not be there?" Then he would counter attack himself- "then I will live by begging alms" , "what if I do not even get alms?" "Then I will live on leaves and river water and renounce my life like that". After fighting with his mind he finally decided to step up in his life by withdrawing from home and towards an ashram(Math).

During his home stay/household life, Srila Gurupada-padma used to visit his God-brother, Rishikesh Das Adhikari, who was a household devotee, to listen to Harikatha (discussions about pastimes of Krishna). He felt strength building within, on hearing Harikatha. It made him feel at peace.

One day during an argument with his brother, Srila GuruMaharaj gave the family a hint of him losing interest from this mundane life saying that he would never again argue with them. The family understood the meaning in his message. After that he tried many times to run away but was taken back by his brother. This way one year went by.

Everytime he made up his mind to leave this worldly life and get situated in spirituality, he would worry about leaving his mother. He wasn't sure how he would make himself leave his dear mother. Everytime this question arose in his consciousness, his heart was torn apart. When he couldn't come to a decision he would cry his eyes out and ask God to guide him through. The ever merciful Lord

showered him with blessings and opened his eyes making him realize that spirituality is the greatest.

One day he made up his mind. On the day before he was to leave, he told the family members that he was setting out for his material house. His mother's heart, full of affection and worry for her child knew something else was up. She thought his son (Srila GuruMaharaj) was leaving her for sure. She ran after him crying all the way and telling him to come back home. He told her calmly to not cry and return to the house. He then proceeded towards his devotional destination leaving behind the materialistic life.

Math Life

Early Days

He didn't have any money to reach his GuruMaharaj (Srila Bhaktikamal Madhusudhan Goswami), as he used to donate in mother all his earnings for welfare purposes of domestic maintenance. His GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja) sent him some money through Rishikesh Das Adhikari to make his way to the Burdwan Math.

He joined the Math in 1365 Bangali (1959 in English years) on the day of Vaman Dwadashi of Bhadramasa (August-September). When he reached the Math, construction of the Math was in progress so he had to adjust himself in whatever way possible. On his first meeting with Param GuruMaharaj (Srila Bhaktikamal Madhusudhan Goswami ji), he got many instructions about how to stay at Math(Math's resident lifestyle).

Srila GuruMaharaj didn't even have an extra pair of clothes to wear, such was his devotion to enter into spiritual life for that reason given up all objects he had got from his home. He was provided some clothes and other basic necessities by Param GuruMaharaj.

On the first day he was accommodated on the third floor of Pannamayi Devi ji, who contributed to the establishment of the Burdwan Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math. Later, due to the construction, he got a very small, 'not so good to look at' type of room but he was happy as if it was his home.

In the Math, he used to sit by himself and recite pastimes of Krishna, slokas (hymns), holy kirtans etc. Srila Param GuruMaharaj advised him to read a sacred book of Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakur named Jaiva-dharma. He followed his Gurudeva's instructions and went on doing as per his (Param GuruMaharaj's) guidance. Srila GuruMaharaj used to get pacified through engaging in such devotional services.

Those days Hari-katha discussion on Srimad Bhagavatam was delivered by Param GuruMaharaj only on Ekadashi days, reason being Thakur-vigraha (deity) had not yet been installed in the Math. On Ekadashi days Hari-katha was narrated with a grand celebration. Many people from nearby places attended the celebration on Ekadashi days.

When Srila GuruMaharaj first came to Math, his mind started counter attacking his wish for the renunciated life. He began to miss his family, friends, relatives, his earlier life and would cry. He would then laugh it off thinking about him being blessed to be able to join a Math. He would think that his GuruMaharaj gave him valuable instructions; allowed him to stay in the Math.

His conscience would experience a vacillation between the material relations that he had severed and the spiritual relations that he had been bestowed by his Gurudeva. His mind would wander from missing everyone at home to thinking that he came here to be a Sadhu (saint) and to go back by turning down the grace that his Gurudeva had showered on him would be a sin. He faced a dreadful struggle in his mind. After some days, by the mercy of Param GuruMaharaj, he adjusted and adapted to his new Mathavasi-life and became peaceful.

Two-three months went by, his family members came to the Math to see him. But Param GuruMaharaj was alarmed by their sudden arrival to meet Srila GuruMaharaj. He feared that they would take him back with them so before their arrival at Math he sent Srila GuruMaharaj to some place far away in a household disciple's home. After a few times of his family member's futile attempts to visit him at Burdwan Math; they accepted his Mathavasi- lifestyle.

After a few days Srila Gurupada-padma's quick return(from the household disciple's house) made Param GuruMaharaj question him for the same. Srila GuruMaharaj's reply to this question melted his heart. He said that he was missing listening to Harikatha by Param GuruMaharaj's lotus mouth and that is the reason he didn't feel like staying there anymore.

Harinaam Diksha

Srila Gurupada-padma Harinama-diksha took place in the month of Kartik on the occasion of Sri Govardhan puja annakoot. Furthermore, his Brahman-diksha receiving ceremony took place on the day of Dol-purnima at 'Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math' and named 'Sripad Lalita Madhava Brahamachari'. When he came to the Math he was given the responsibility to serve as a personal sevak of Param GuruMaharaj . Param GuruMaharaj would deliver spiritual discourses on Srimad Bhagavatam and Srila Gurupada-padma would perform services related to mala, chandan etc. This way Srila GuruMaharaj got the fortune of listening to Srimad Bhagavatam directly from the lotus mouth of Param GuruMaharaj for thirty years.

Serving his GuruMaharaja

Collection Service

After coming to the Math, Srila GuruMaharaj arranged for & began the charity collection for Math-service. At that time there were not many Math members to preach & propagate but the collection was kept stable.

Param GuruMaharaj sent Srila Gurupada-padma for the same, shortly after his joining the Math. He went to every place in West Bengal- Hugli, North and south 24 pargana, Burdwan Local etc., and other side too for charity collection, preaching and propagation for Math's prosperity. Srila Gurupada-padma toured to every pilgrimage and Holy circumambulation sites in India. He used to tour with his companion god-brothers and household god-sisters, household devotees. He has been to pilgrimage sites in India and in Nepal, Sri Lanka such neighbouring countries (sharing history of religious India) as well.

So after a few months much wandering affected his health which made him unable to do much. He returned to the Math. On his return during the half-done work Param GuruMaharaj was unsatisfied but did not say anything due to his health issues. After a while Srila GuruMaharaj recuperated and was ready to step out to perform his duties for the Math again .

Sri Vigraha Pratishta (Deity installation) at Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan

On the occasion of the Burdwan Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math's Sri Vigraha installation (deity installation), many respected great personalities Guru-vargas, disciples of HDG Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada (The Founder Acharya of Sri Gaudiya Math) were present to adorn the occasion.

Eminent missionaries and orators such as -

HDG Srila Bhakti Kumud Santa Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Dwaita Madhava Goswami Maharaja
HDG Srila Bhakti Sarvaswa Giri Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Bhudeva Shrauti Goswami Maharaja,
HDGSrila Bhakti Vichar Yayavar Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Saurabh Sar Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Soudha Ashram Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Sharan Shanta Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Vilas Bharati Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Prapan Damodar Goswami Maharaja,

HDG Srila Bhakti Vikas Rishikesh Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhaktyaloka Paramahamsha Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Sadhua Maharaj,
HDG Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Mangal Nilaya Brahamachari,
HDG Srila Bhakti Prasad Ashram Maharaja

made their remarkable appearances on the Math Vigrah(deity) establishment Day. That day Sripad Chidanand Brahamachari(a disciple of Yayavar Maharaja), gifted an Archana-dipika book (a book about detailed & correct ways of worshiping) to Srila Gurupada-padma(HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja).

Sannyas Lila

In Bengali year 1380 (English Calendar year 1973) Srila GuruMaharaj became an official renunciate on the auspicious day of Sri Gaur Purnima Tithi, at Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Sridham Mayapur, He entered the renunciate life (Sannyas ceremony) on this very auspicious day.

An event took place at this time. Other than Srila GuruMaharaj two of his god-brothers were to become official rununciates on the same day as well. So Param GuruMaharaj ordered them to choose their official names. They chose three of the renunciate's official names.

But during the Sannya ceremony Param GuruMaharaj changed Srila GuruMaharaj's name to "Srila Bhakti Jivan Acharya". Param GuruMaharaj's disciples, i.e., Srila GuruMaharaj's god-brothers, didn't understand the reason behind it and got into an argument with Srila ParamGuruMaharaj for changing only his name that too without a reason.

Param GuruMaharaj took this decision to pass the Math's future responsibility to a competent person. Param GuruMaharaj had thought it through a long time ago for Srila GuruMaharaj to be the next Acharya. He came to the conclusion that he was the only competent person who could take responsibility of the Math in his (Param GuruMaharaj's) absence.

Param GuruMaharaj told those in the argument that he did it with an aim in mind that would benefit all so there was no meaning for the argument to take place. This way he consoled and calmed everyone down.

Mayapur Math Establishment

Srila Param GuruMaharaj bought five Bigha land (72,000 sq. km/ 1.65 acre) in Isodyan Mayapur. He wished to build a Math in Mayapur too but didn't find a capable person to pass such huge responsibility and fulfill his dream.

While preaching, Param GuruMaharaj came to know more about GuruMaharaj's all-rounded qualities- his patience, tolerance, competency, honesty, humble nature, pure intentions, respect & love towards all, devotion towards God and many other positive attributes which made him a perfect candidate to send to Math services. He was satisfied with GuruMaharaj's skills and gave him the responsibility. Under Srila Param GuruMaharaj's direction Srila GuruMaharaj took the responsibility and constructed the Mayapur Math. At the beginning, 2-3 Brahamacharis were sent from Burdwan Math to Mayapur Math. After the completion of the Math construction GuruMaharaj would accrue 2.5 kilos of rice through donation collection and everyday would travel by Nadirchit bus transport from Burdwan to Mayapur which took 3 hours of one-go (everyday) . This became his daily routine.

He planted many vegetable plants & trees in the Math's garden. He liked it there a lot. Param GuruMaharaj had asked GuruMaharaj to come to the

Burdwan Math by morning everyday. Since it was his Param GuruMaharaj's order he did not spend unnecessary time in the Mayapur Math and would return to the Burdwan Math as soon as he finished the duties.

Srila GuruMaharaj arranged for the constitution of deity worship for the Mayapur Math. Prashadmuyi Dasi, one of GuruMaharaj's god-sisters, through charity, helped in the establishment of Sri Damodar and Srimati Radharani's temple deity. Param GuruMaharaj faced many obstacles in the establishment of Mayapur Math Temple. He directed Shrila GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) for Math's construction work. Fifteen days were left for the Mayapur Math temple establishment. The marbles were already set up in the Thakur ji's dwelling room and furnishing of the marbles was still untouched. Srila Gurupada-padma took the initiative and furnished the marble floor all by himself within fifteen days. Then with Nishkinchan Maharaj he bought the Vigraha from Jaipur to Mayapur.

The establishment of the throne (for deities) and coronation of this whole constitution was directed by His Divine Grace Srila Puri Goswami Maharaj. Narayana Das Brahamachari was appointed for the service of this Math deity Seva. Srila Gurupada-padma taught Archana-puja(worshipping rituals) to many Brahamacharis such as Narayan Das Brahamachari, Vidigdh Madhav Brahamachari, SatyaGovind Brahamachari, SatyaKrishna Brahamachari,

ShriDham Sakha Brahmachari, KamalDas Brahamachari and many more. In such a way Mayapur Math was established.

Preaching

Some days later to the Math's Vigraha-pratishtha(deity establishment) Srila Param GuruMaharaj called upon Srila Gurupada-padma for the charity collection as everything had already been invested on The Foundation day and basic necessities were needed for the daily upkeep. On Param GuruMaharaj's order Srila Gurupada-padma with one of his God-brothers set out for collection across 332 houses in Burdwan Local (in Brahmachari Life time).

They used to go to many places for preaching-GuruMaharaj with his companion God-brother, Vidhagdha Madhav Brahamhachari. They went to many such places. Once they preached in a devotee's home for eighteen days and still that devotee would ask them to stay and if not possible then at least come back to his house for preaching, delivering Hari-katha to everyone and participate in the occasions held there. He met such devotional devotees and would be pacified with their ever increasing faith and devotion towards The God. They are still engaged in the devotional service of The Lord.

Appointed as an Acharya

When Srila Gurupada-padma was staying in Vrindavan for some time, suddenly Srila ParamGuruMaharaj started performing his illness pastimes. So Srila ParamGuruMaharaj called his all Mathvasi disciples and ordered them to inform Srila Gurupada-padma to be back to Burdwan.

On reaching Burdwan Srila GuruMaharaj performed Dandvat-pranam (obeisances given while lying flat on the floor) to Param GuruMaharaj. Param GuruMaharaj's happiness knew no bounds of happiness after seeing his dearmost disciple in such a long time and gave him heartfelt blessings.

During Srila Param GuruMaharaja's illness pastimes, Srila Gurupada-padma used to personally take care of Param GuruMaharaj, accompanying him throughout the day and night. He would recite Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Hari-katha discourses to Srila Param GuruMaharaj. After about fifteen days of Srila GuruMaharaj's return, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon of August 20, 1991 in Mayapur Dham, Srila Param GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja) left for the eternal abode of RadhaGovind. He merged himself in the lotus feet of his master Lord Hari.

After this Lila, a grand Virah-utsav (disappearance ceremony) was arranged in Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Ishyodana, Mayapur, where HDG Sri Srimad

Bhakti Kumud Santa Goswami Maharaj and other Guru-vargas where present in this program. Srila Param GuruMaharaj 's mausoleum (Samadhi mandir) was built in Mayapur. A year later, a Samadhi-mandir (temple in the remembrance of Param GuruMaharaj) was established with Sri Sri Param GuruMaharaj's deity adorning the temple by Sri Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja).

After some days of the disappearance Tithi of Param GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja) a Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math's Trust Board Meeting was set up which included all the GBC members of Math, Srila ParamGuruMaharaj's all disciples and lady disciples.Param GuruMaharaj had already given his consent for Srila Gurupada-padma and to get GBC member's approval this meeting took place.

According to the wish of Srila Param GuruMaharaj (Srila Bhakti kamal Madhusudhan Goswami Maharaj, the founder of the Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan, Mayapur, Kolkata), all the GBC- peripheral discuss HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kumud Santa Goswami Maharaj (he was one of the dearest disciples of Srila Bhakti Siddhant Saraswati Goswami Thakur Prabhupad ji and also the Founder Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Ashram) appointed Srila Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) as the Present Acharya of the Math and bestowed upon him all the responsibilities of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan,

Mayapur, Kolkata by transferring his Prasadi mala (rosemar) from his neck to Srila GuruMaharaj's neck.

The Guru-vargas and Acharyas of various Maths such as-

HDG Shrila Bhakti Kumud Santa Goswami Maharaja
HDG Srila Bhakti Pramod Puri Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Saurabh Sar Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Sharan Trivikram Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Shruhit Akinchan Goswami Maharaja,
HDG Srila Bhakti Vaibhav Sagar Goswami Maharaja

and many others signed official papers approvingly announcing Srila GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) as the President-Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math of Mayapur, Kolkata and its other Branches Math. Maximum number of the Guru-vargs, Trust board members of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math passed a resolution for Srila Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja to be the next Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan, Mayapur, Kolkata.

After appointed as a Present Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Mithapukur Road, Burdwan, Sridham Mayapur, Kolkata Srila

Gurupada-padma HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja expanded his preaching services even more with the establishment of many other branches like

Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Habra, South 24 pargana in 2015
Srirupa Siddhanti Gaudiya Math, Dodalia, North 24 Parganas (Present President-Acharya)
Sri Krishna Chaitanya Prachar Sangha (Preaching centre at Khano village, Galsi, Burdwan)
Sri Radha-Damodara jiu Goudiya Math, Sridham Puri

Srila Gurupada-padma also went for preaching of Chaitanya Mission at many places of North Bengal like Jalpaiguri, Siliguri and others, he also preached at many places in Assam.

In Bangladesh during 2016, an assembly was organized by some Sahajiya Babajis on the discussion of Tattva Siddhant of SriGoudiyaVaishnavain. At that time Srila Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) was in Bangladesh for preaching so only Srila Gurupada-padma attended that meeting and refuted their apa-siddhanta (unauthorized conclusions, Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur Prabhupada established the Pure devotion which is favorable for Goudiya Vaishnava but the one who doesn't accept his vichar-dhara and try to preach

their own Tattva Siddhant created on the basis of mental speculations which is against to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's pure devotional sect Is called Apasiddhanta.)
(Aaool, Baool, karta, bhaja, nera, daroveshayi, sahi, sahajiya, sahavedi, ismart, jaata gosayi, auti vari, chura dhari Gaurang na kauri toto kahe ei tera sangh nahi kari by Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur)

By establishing the Siddhanta from the commentary of our previous Acharya on scriptures. At last they also became pleased with Srila Gurupada-padma's presentation on Scriptural conclusional truth of The Lord Sriman Mahaprabhu, The Gaudiya Vaishnava Sampradaya Sect. Such a meeting was also organized in South 24 pargana, West Bengal and invitation was given to Srila Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) for discussion on the same subject. There also Srila Gurupada-padma refuted the Sahajiya Babaji's Siddhanta.

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Life devoted to service

From the time Srila GuruMaharaj joined the Math he has been performing every duty with all-roundedness. He has been living all his life while following his Param GuruMaharaj's instructions and has taught his own disciples to follow the same. Srila GuruMaharaj is an embodiment of patience. God has tested him many times and every time he overcame the situation with patience and tolerance.

At the time of Math construction a hooligan from a nearby club used to bother Srila Gurupada-padma unnecessarily. One time he injured Srila GuruMaharaj on the head but GuruMaharaj didn't retaliate at all. There is another incident like this. Once when Gurupada-padma took off from the Math for his daily charity collection on a cycle in the morning, a goon saw him in his brahmachari attire-saffron clothes, he thought," he can't be a genuine saint at such a young age. He must be faking his identity as a saint." On this thought the goon purposefully tried to provoke and pushed Srila GuruMaharaj. Srila Gurupada-padma fell into a mud pit nearby. He got up injured and with dirty clothes. Due to the cycle's fall on the mud some mud stains got splashed on the goon's shirt making him red-head and he started shouting at GuruMaharaj. The goon put the fault of his shirt getting dirty on him. Srila Gurupada-padma at once got up, took off his clean Uttari (a garment put over shoulders), and

started cleaning the goon's shirt admitting that it was his fault for not being careful and dirtying his shirt, the goon was surprised and inquired,"why are you cleaning my shirt and admitting yourself at fault even on knowing that I did all this" confessed that person. Seeing Srila Gurupada-padma's selflessness the goon felt guilty, he apologized sincerely to Srila GuruMaharaj and never again bothered him. From this incident Srila GuruMaharaj gives us the message that patience and tolerance can guarantee our victory in any situation life presents to us. These two attributes can win hearts and are must-have qualities in a saint.

Srila Gurupada-padma in thirty years of Acharya life has executed the Math and Deity installation service in many places with experienced Seva qualities. Some of the deity establishments held/done by him were in Sridham Mayapur, Vrindavan, Himachal Pradesh, Kolkata, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh etc.

He has always executed services by his own hands. When there were not enough members in the Math Srila Gurupada-padma used to perform the duty of worshipping

the deities, offering spiritual discourses on Srimad Bhagavatam, offering Bhoga to his Lordship and so on.

Srila Gurupada-padma has completed a lot of rare scriptures concerning the exploration of Tatva-Siddhant(the conclusions Truth for knowing more about

The Supreme God and is very sapient to deliver the Scriptural secret conclusions). Srila Gurupada-padma rarely illuminated the secret subtle conceptions, that too to very limited people (not publicly) which he had received through his spiritual realizations.

After coming to the Math, sometime later he gained expertise in Sanskrit language. In the Math he used to learn Sanskrit from Tarka-tirtha Pandit Ji and Divakar Vedanta Tirtha for three years. Srila Gurupada-padma already completed his study on eighteen Puranas, within very short times of Mathvasi life.Srila Gurupada-padma (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja) has read Srimad Bhagavatam fifteen times and Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita for uncountable times till now 64 years of his Mathavasi life.

Srila Gurupada-padma teaches his disciples with great love and severity. He is just like a coconut with his pupils- hard on the outside soft from the inside. He is always loving towards them but becomes strict whenever needed specially to free them from their bad virtues even though many disciples have experienced his slap due to their conduct against Matha's rules besides he is shishya-vatsal (compassionate towards his disciples) too. Srila Gurupada-padma has always been loving towards his disciples, so much that even on having several physical complications he used to pay visits to his disciples in North Bengal till the last two years (till 2019). Some of these disciples in North Bengal had poor backgrounds, they didn't have money to even travel to Burdwan Math and get

the chance to receive Srila Gurupada-padma's Harikatha directly. So Srila Gurupada-padma travelled to bless them with his merciful appearance. Srila Gurupada-padma used to say, "they can't come to the Math and attend the sessions of Harikatha therefore, I need to reach out to them and provide them with divine Hari-katha, and instructions. No matter what difficulties I must face, I must reach out to them." There were no proper accommodation facilities but Srila Gurupada-padma was ready to adjust accordingly. He never cared for his inconveniences to reach out to his disciples'.

After being appointed as an Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math Srila GuruMaharaj undertook many renovation works for Burdwan Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math.

Principles in Srila Gurupada-Padma's life

1.Sometimes the atmosphere of the Math would become too gloomy. Some Math members would bother Srila GuruMaharaj ji. When he felt trapped there, instead of retaliating he would walk out of the Math to some solitary place and return back after sometime so that the heated environment among the members cooled down. This way he regulated the peace and principles of the Math.

If any argument took place among the Math members Srila GuruMaharaj , like always, would walk out to a solitary place (not to show his frustration but to avoid arguments from increasing). Then all the Math members including those in argument would request Param GuruMaharaj to call Srila Gurupada-padma back in the Math. Such was his trick to control the quarrel, argument with each other created at Math.

"Srila GuruMaharaj (HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja) was from the Brahamam lineage and he possessed a perfect personality. He was an embodiment of perfection and idealness and was a very straightforward and pleasant individual. He adored his colleagues and students and would always listen to them without hesitation. Some Math members didn't like it because he usually took Srila Gurupada-padma's name first for whatever chores were to be undertaken; they, too, wanted to serve

Param GuruMaharaj as much as possible. However, Param GuruMaharaj would always be on Srila Gurupada-padma's side and encourage him, ensuring that no one would belittle Srila GuruMaharaj.

There had been times when Srila Gurupada-padma wanted the welfare of his God-brother (Mathavasi) but that person, out of envy towards Srila Gurupada-padma, couldn't stand him and did not follow his ideals and principles, saw him as his enemy. Still Srila Gurupada-padma cared for his spiritual benefit just as much.

Srila Gurupada-padma believes and teaches, "If you are trying to help someone but they see you as their enemy or misunderstand you, still you should continue to care for them and never stop thinking for their welfareness." As we witness in The Chaitanya- Charitamrita that Srila Haridasa was dragged away by the sentries. From one market place to another, they beat him mercilessly, their black hearts consumed by hate for the pure devotee of the Lord. Nonetheless, Haridasa was a pure soul, completely surrendered to the Supreme Lord, so he faithfully chanted Lord Krsna's Holy Name. So absorbed was he in fervent chanting, that he did not feel any pain. Throughout his ordeal, Haridasa's one emotion was pity for the sentries. "O Lord Krsna, please be merciful upon these poor souls, so they may not be punished because of me." Such is the conduct of a great personality. So a pure surrendered devotee must have 26 qualities, out of which one is 'Paraupakaarak'-most merciful/Kind/altruist. This quality can be

clearly seen in Srila Gurupada-padma's conduct who is everyone's well-wisher. The Supreme Lord is the ever well-wisher of all the living entities similarly, His intimate devotees also wish for everybody's welfare.

"Mahaantera swabhaave tarite paamar"

3.If the sole aim is to blindly follow the material matters then there is nothing constitutional about it. Sri Gurudev cannot be satiated this way. What virtue is there in arranging financial resources through un-ascetic means and managing Ashram-Math like a dead person, when I can't even become a saint? Idealism is the life of a saint. A saint lacking ideals is as good as a dead person. What relation does a dead have with the Lord and the Guru (Spiritual Preceptor)? How can a dead man manage a monastery? One can bring fame to his father when he is alive, not otherwise. The existence of The Lord, mentors and Vaishnavs are illuminated only through strengthening asceticism.Only an idealistic personality must be allowed to reside in monasteries. The organisation may crumble if people lacking idealism are given shelter in monasteries.

4.Sri Guru's mercy cannot be obtained through birth in high class, intellect, knowledge, memory, eloquence, wealth, beauty, fame or prosperity. Gurudev's mercy can only be obtained if one maintains his devotion towards The Lord and absorbs himself in genuine service of the Guru. Nobody can benefit from being

unfaithful towards The Lord and only faking services to the Guru. Such acts of Guru service are only labeled as Anyavilashita service.

5. Only men/persons with good character and holistic view of life should be allowed to live in Math.The holy atmosphere of Ashram will get polluted by allowing characterless people in the Ashram.

6.Srila Gurupada-padma(HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaj) once upon a time in Sridham Mayapur Srila Gurupada-padma met with HDG Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Deva Goswami Maharaja. A question raised in Srila Gurupada-padma's mind which he shared/asked with Srila Sridhar Goswami Maharaj in order to get an answer. He inquired, " we regularly witness conflicts, restlessness, violence, court cases etc. in this household mundane life. We left that lifestyle behind and joined Math. But if we witness the same disturbances in the Math as well then what meaning is left to it anymore ? What is the need to practice such worldly acts here in the Math?"

Listening to his concerned query Srila Sridhar Goswami Maharaj replied that when the living entity is present in this mundane life, all his work is done in relation with his son, daughter, wife, relatives, friends,etc. Such actions then create our Karma-fal [fruit of karma], whether good or bad, for the next.

However, saintly people (Renunciate Sadhu) perform their services with the Lord as the centre in Math; everything is done for the pleasure of the Lord . Thus, the seed of their frutive actions/karma is destroyed. There is no more creation of any kind of karma (neither good nor bad) for their services offered to The Supreme Lord. That is the difference between the same actions done by a household person and a renunciate Sadhu.

7. In his personal life the subject which Srila GuruMaharaj ji has always been keen about and gives the priority to is- "acharan pratham dharma"- the first duty is the quality conduct of life. He always gives importance to his conduct.
In scripture (shastra) it's stated,

satyam vada dharmam cara svadhyayanma pramadah
[Taittiriya Upanishad: 1/11]

These lines imply that (1)we should always speak the truth, stand for the truth without flinching.(2) We should abide by our Dharma-- our duties. This is the topmost knowledge. Abiding by our duties makes us truthful automatically.(3) We should never be idle in our studies. Studies are not limited to school sessions. There is limitless knowledge present in the world to be aware of. It must be done by ourselves; nobody else will motivate us for it. We should explore for more knowledge and avoid sitting idle or studying without keen interest.

Only an Acharankari (One who conducts lessons on the basis of Shastras) is capable of preaching the glorifications of Sri Hari (The Lord), Guru & Vaishnav. Srila Gurupada-padma has never liked Aacharheen-prachar (preachings lacking in quality conducts). Being conductful, he preached eloquently the Shastra-siddhant (spiritual principles on the basis of authorized ancient texts) to everyone only after applying them in his lifestyle first. This is one of the specific features of Srila Gurupada-padma.

Srila Gurupada-padma says, "the sole aim and principle of my life is to perform Hari-bhajan with sincerity and idealistic manner being Niskinchan. Achar is pratham dharma (ideal conduct) should be the first priority in our life. One must glorify The Lord with this pacified method and only preach what I have been conducting from the beginning, throughout my life. We should follow idealism and avoid immoral conducts at all costs. Whatever I do, it must be executed sincerely (Nishkapat). If I am speaking, listening, talking, walking or looking I will do it with sincerity (Nishkapat behaviour). That is my only ideal and principle of life."

"anyabhilashita-shunyam jnana-karmaady-anaavritam
anukulyena krishnanushilanam bhaktir uttamaa "
[1.1.11 Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu]

"The highest bhakti is defined as continuous services or emotions directed towards Krishna, His expansion forms or anything related to Him, with a pleasing attitude towards Krishna. It should be devoid of desires other than the desire to please the Lord, and unobstructed by impersonal jnana, the materialistic rituals of karma or other unfavorable acts."

7. Srila Gurupada-padma on 'Vyas-puja Tithi

In the conclusion of every 'Vyas-puja' Srila Gurupada-padma says, "all these people- disciples and devotees are offering reverence unto me, but I am not the one who is actually being revered here for its the 'Guru-tatva' essence which is being revered to. 'Guru-tatva' is The Lord himself.

"acaryam mam vijaniyan
 navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyasuyeta
 sarva-deva-mayo guruh"
[SB 11.17.27]

Translation:

One should know the acarya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods.

It is manifested in the material world to deliver the conditioned souls. Guru is the direct representative of The Lord. I am not the actual one being revered here as when I was in 'purva ashram' I had a different name and identity. Nobody did know me with this identity but since I got the name 'Srila Bhakti Jivan Acharya Goswami Maharaja', I received all such love, honor, praise and admiration. This name and identity was given to me by my GuruMaharaj HDG Sri Srimad Bhakti Kamal Madhusudan Goswami Maharaja so every admiration, honor, praises, respect etc. related to this name are directed towards my GuruMaharaj. It's not reverence towards me but reverence towards 'Guru-tatva'."

8. Sometimes any Brahamachari of Math comes to Srila GuruMaharaj with complaints against other Mathvasi, only this suggestion for most of time given by Srila GuruMaharaj is 'tolerate just tolerant' pray to Sriman Mahaprabhu'. Else no reply.

Srila Gurupada-padma recounts how an ideal devotee should be

One of Srila GuruMaharaj's dearest god-brothers, Parmananda Das, did great services for the Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan with full zeal, optimism and clear heart. Srila Gurupada-padma says that, "His GuruMaharaj had many disciples with wealthy backgrounds but not one could be found anywhere with a heart as considerate as Parmananda Das. He performed great services and contributed to Math's progress so much in such a short time. That's how in his final moments his dedication towards the devotion of the Lord enabled him to leave this material world while remembering and chanting in full consciousness of the Holy name "Krishna-Krishna, Hari-Hari " with folded hands and to enter into the Lord's abode.

Srila Gurupada-Padma's Lilamrita

Radharani's divine grace in Vrindavan

By the grace of Srimati Radharani and Srila Param GuruMaharaj, Srila Gurupada-padma attained the opportunity to stay in Shridham Vrindavan for some years. There in Vrindavan he experienced many transcendental pastimes and mercy of Shrimati Radharani and says that by the grace of his Param GuruMaharaj and Shrimati Radharani he lived such carefree and full of happiness life that he didn't know how someone could experience in this materially agitated world full of sufferings. There have been many instances when Srila Gurupada-padma experienced Radharani's mercy.

Srila Gurupada-padma says," When one comes across divine experiences then such instances are not supposed to be discussed openly. But I am sharing some incidents just so people become aware about the most merciful Shrimati Radharani's love, affection for Her sincere devotees. Srimati Radharani cannot be understood by materialistic people and decadents but only by those who surrender themselves unto Her lotus feet."

1. "During my stay in Vrindavan of four years, by the eternal mercy of my beloved Radha-Govinda ji in various situations, I felt very happy. And this duration of four years was the golden age of my whole spiritual life. When I

first came to Vrindavan the, I stayed in Keshavji Gaudiya Math at Mathura. When I was preparing to come back to Burdwan Math (Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math) one brahmachari told me,'you are going back to Burdwan without taking darshan (visit) of the Barsana Dham which is Srimati Radharani's abode. Don't you wish to visit?' Then I replied, 'I have money only enough to reach Shri Dham Vrindhavan.' I didn't have much money. After listening to me the brahmhachari said, 'it will take less money to travel'. So he donated four rupees for the trip to Nandigrama. That time I was thinking, 'Ok, I will go but it will take a whole day to go and return here then how will I take my lunch prasadam because I have only four rupees with me.' Then I thought, 'doesn't matter, I can spend the whole day drinking water. If Srimati Radharani provides me with something to eat, then I will eat otherwise not'.

After deciding, the next day I came out to set off for Nandigrama. After arriving at Nandigrama, when I was walking on Barsana hill to visit Srimati Radharani's temple, in the middle of the path, I encountered a Babaji who was just standing still and kept smiling on seeing me. I did not know him so I kept walking, then he called me out from the back and said to me, 'listen! If you go to the entrance of Vrajavasi, they will provide you with Chapati. If you don't get there then walk to the left side after taking the stairs, there you can walk into the street. A charitable trust is situated at the end of that street, there you can get (chapati).' I just stood there and heard his words; at that time I was just so excited trying to take the darshan of Srimati Radharani. After darshan of

Srimati Radharani I felt very happy and my experience was just like a divine scenery to look at -The eternal abode of Srimati Radharani 'The Barsana-dhama'. The atmosphere around me was filled with eternal beauty and there was a sweet aroma in the temple premises, it had a devotional scent. How indescribable! It was eternal bliss that I felt in Vrindavan-dham. This feeling can never be realised by materialistic people. When I was walking down the stairs after visiting the temple, it occurred to my mind 'why did that Babaji say those words? How did he know that I was in a tight situation regarding food and money?' Then I felt, 'Yes, surely it must have been my beloved Srimati Radharani's plan to arrange food for me'. After thinking about it, I went as per the instructions of Babaji.

Yes, babaji's all words matched the places! At the end of the street, a charitable trust (for free food distribution) could be seen.After a while I ate four chapatis with a full pot of dal and it made my belly full. I felt so grateful for having the divine mercy of my beloved Srimati Radharani.

It has been proved that Srimati Radharani, in this way, is upbringing us all in her eternal abode of Vraja-dhama. She even kept her truthful word of maintenance of a person who is fully concentrated and surrendered at the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani. After getting such transcendental indications, I went back to Nandigrama."

2. Another Radharani's pastime experienced by Srila Gurupada-padma took place during his stay in Kunja Kutir Temple in Nandigrama, Vrindavan. Srila Gurupada-padma stayed in Nandgaon and Barsana in Vrindavan. There was a temple called Kunja Kuthira. The temple's priest was unwell so

Srila GuruMaharaj was given the responsibility to take up the priest's Seva such as the worshipping of Lordship. So from the next day onwards after taking his morning bath he started his Vigraha-seva then he dressed up the deities, put various ornaments and did tilak-rachna (applying tilak on the head of the deities etc). In this way he got an opportunity to serve Srimati Radharani for about fifteen days.

Incidentally Srila GuruMaharaj in front of the temple, said, "nowadays the deities have become mere statues and Sadhu-Gurus have drowned into mere human emotions" , meaning that people do not believe in the God anymore so the deities in the temple have become a mere statue for them and the saintly people who are supposed to be God's representatives, to be in transcendence and above the material senses have become materialistic.

After this discourse, right from the next day the Radharani deity began perplexing Srila GuruMaharaj. After taking bath he would dress up the deity but unlike every day the dress of Radharani was missing, sometimes the

mala–garland, sometimes some ornaments would go missing. This became a daily thing; each time perplexing Gurupada-padma. He could not understand why this was happening.

One day after giving bath to the deities, he was wiping the deities and he noticed that one of the eyes of the Radharani deity was missing. He was surprised and began the search at once. He searched every ritual ware and the surroundings but didn't find it anywhere. He thought that he was in some trouble this time due to such a mishap. Nevertheless, he asked another priest (Pujari) of the temple if there were some extra eyes of the deity. That priest (Pujari) of the temple told him to look in the drawer under the throne of the deity but the sizes of the eye-pieces could vary. When GuruMaharaj looked into it, some eye-pieces were bigger, some smaller than the missing eye-piece. Since it was an emergency he somehow managed the situation with the mismatching pair.

For the next 15 days he kept the search going for the missing eye; he would search for it everywhere during sweeping, in the dust accumulated while sweeping, in every corner but all for naught. During this time the priest of the temple recuperated and returned back to continue his duty in the temple. A day before the priest's return Srila GuruMaharaj was scouring a piece of sandalwood in a tray and transferring the accrued paste from his hand to a different container. The second time he took the paste in his hand the missing eye appeared in his hand. He was surprised and perplexed simultaneously. He thought, "if this

eye-piece was here from the very start I would have noticed it beforehand and even if it somehow got here a little while ago such hard substance could be easily differentiated from the liquid paste. How can it just appear in my hand out of nowhere?"

Then he realized that it was a pastime of Srimati Radharani .She did so to prove Srila Gurupada-padma's statement wrong about the deity becoming a mere stone statue. She proved to him that Sri Radha-Shyamasundar vigraha (deity) is' neither a mere statue nor a puppet but a genuine, pious and transcendental deity . Understanding the signal Srila GuruMaharaj respectfully placed the eye-piece to its original place.

3. Srimad Bhagavatam is not just a book but The God himself manifested in the form of Shabda Brahma, this is proven from an incident in GuruMaharaj's life.

During his stay in Vrindavan he used to carry Srimad Bhagavatam with him every time and would daily intonate it. One time he wrapped Srimad Bhagavatam in a cloth. Within the cloth he wrapped 3 pairs of gold and 3 pairs Rupa dhatu of the Holy Basil leaves gifted to him by the devotees taken to pilgrimage tours and a beautiful picture of Sri Radha Krishna kept in the first page of Srimad Bhagavatam before travel to West Bengal. Then left it in the care of the temple's Mahanta (chief priest) when he went to Burdwan for a while.

However, on his return to Vrindavan when he unwrapped the cloth he discovered that the leaves and the picture of Sri Radha Krishna were missing, the first page was also torn apart. He couldn't figure out who could have done it or why. Neither could he complain about it to someone. He was engraved with lamentation. He shared his grief with his god-brother, RadhaKant Brahamachri.

A few years later he permanently returned to Burdwan. After a while on his return one day he took out the Srimad Bhagavatam from the cupboard in which it was securely stored. He noticed that everything which had gone missing (leaves and the picture) and the torn first page were all restored to their original forms as they were before this incident. It can be realized from this incident that anything impossible, unfathomable, incapable is made possible by The Supreme Lord. Srimad Bhagavatam is non different from Sri Krishna, (sakhsad Bhagavan) only realized by the surrendered souls, pure devotees who are dear to The Lord.

4. Once Srila Gurupada-padma was given the responsibility to perform Archana-puja of Sri Vigraha at Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math, Burdwan as the Pujari was unwell. So for one months Srila GuruMaharaj performed Archan-puja (Brahmachari Life)

Two Shaligram-shila were installed there on a throne , one was bigger than the other Shaligram. He bathed those two Shaligrams in a copper bowl or Sheet (tamra-patra), offered Tulasi (Holy Basil) with Chandan (Sandalwood) then reinstalled them on the throne. One day Srila Gurupada-padma thought, "this throne is a bit small for the installation of both the Shaligram-shilas." Thus, Srila GuruMaharaj asked a devotee for a new Singhasan (throne).

Everyday Srila GuruMaharaj preserved the Little Shaligram-shila on the new small throne and the big Shaligram-shila on the previous big throne. But after a while he observed that everyday the position of both the Shaligram-shilas would change; small Shaligram-shila was found in the old big throne and the big Shaligram-shila in the new small throne. Still Srila GuruMaharaj thought that it might be a mistake from his side.

After a while it was time to take back the Archan-puja responsibility by the priest (pujari) as he had recuperated. A day before his return to the temple, during the Archan-puja a voice tingled in Srila Gurumaharaj's mind implored him to install the small Shaligram-shila on the big old throne and big Shaligrama shila on the new small throne. At that time Srila Gurupada-padma realized that it was Sri Shaligram-Shila's Lila which had continued for a month. Srila GuruMaharaj's changing the positions was not pleasing to Sri Narayana. It was the wish of Sri Bhagavan for the small Shaligram-shila to be installed on that big old throne and big Shaligrama-shila on the new small throne.

Such transcendental pastimes only occur between Sri Bhagavan and his intimate devotees. Only surrendered souls who have devoted themselves unto the lotus feet of Guru Bhagavan are capable of perceiving such Lila of Sri Krishna.

A pure surrendered soul is always in protection of the world

Srila Gurupada-padma experienced the careless mercy of The Supreme Lord many times in his life. He was protected by the omnipotent countless times. Srila GuruMaharaj have shared some of the experiences with us:

1. Before he entered the life of renunciation, he was struck with severe Bronchitis Pneumonia & Typhoid simultaneously. At that time there were no treatments for such diseases and most of the time people with such ailments would end up with damaged body parts. GuruMaharaj got up after 27 days, full of health and without any damage. Even the doctors were amazed.

2. Once Srila GuruMaharaj , with his grandmother, was boiling jaggery in a very large cauldron. He was around 10 years old at that time. Suddenly his foot slipped and he fell face forward towards the mouth of the cauldron. At the very moment his grandmother, out of reflex, shoved her hand amid his fall leading him to be able to gain balance again. Srila GuruMaharaj says that he would have died right there and then, had he fallen in that boiling cauldron. It's clearly the Lord 's blessings which saved him, otherwise how can a mere reflex of hand take up the weight of a falling 8 year old boy?

3. Once a mason was hammering a tin-shed and Srila GuruMaharaj was sitting nearby him. Suddenly the hammer came out of the wooden-cover (from where the hammer is with palm-held) and struck GuruMaharaj in the face. He became unconscious the very moment he got hit. Later, when he got consciousness he realized that a part of one of his teeth was broken, other than that nothing severe harm took place. He always remembered God and thus God always held him in his lap which is the safest place to exist.

4. One day Srila GuruMaharaj was picking flowers from a tree branch. As he was trying to reach a higher branch with his heels up his balance staggered and he fell on a cushion of bricks lying under the tree, set up for construction work. He got some injuries on the head but with The Lord 's grace these injuries weren't severe.

5. Once he drowned in a river. He reached the bed of the river and breathed in the water. He could feel himself getting unconscious. Just when he thought that these were his last moments and remembered God, at the very moment, one of his relatives came there; at the right place at the right time, reached out to his hand and carried him to the shore.

6. Once Srila GuruMaharaj was carrying out his services while working through a veranda of the Math (construction work of Math Building was doing) .Somehow he fell from the roof/veranda (which was very high) to the ground.

It is rare to see someone come out without injuries after such a fall. But The Lord was guarding his devotee like he always does.

7. Once Srila GuruMaharaj was transferring goods over a bus roof with a sack of rice held over his head. When he was on the bus roof his foot slipped and he fell on the hard ground with that heavy rice sack. But by the careless mercy of the Lord he didn't have any severe injuries.
"God has saved me from definite death many times."

There were many such incidents in Srila Gurupada-padma's life. But this indicates that we can be as clumsy as one can think (only) if we are under the Lord's protection. He (the omnipotent) thinks that 'since my devotee is so absorbed in remembering me and chanting my name Holy name that he (the devotee) even forgets his surroundings then I should take care of him'.The Lord certainly tries to give all protection of His devotees who have given up everything for the sake of serving Him. In Srimad Bhagavatam [9.4.65] it's stated that,

ye daragara-putrapta-pranan vittam imam param
hitva mam saranam yatah katham tāms tyaktum utsahe
Translation
Since pure devotees give up their homes, wives, children, relatives, riches and even their lives simply to serve Me, without any desire for material improvement in this life or in the next, how can I give up such devotees at any time?

Deliverance of Spirits

There also have been many incidents where Srila GuruMaharaj delivered spirits, most highlighting events have been shared.

1. When Srila Gurupada-padma as a Brahmchari and other new members had just joined the Burdwan Math, a lady from a nearby house came to Srila ParamGurumaharaj with the request to aid her daughter-in-law from the rage of a spirit, who had been bothering the family for quite a while.

Srila ParamGuruDeva asked for details and got to know that the spirit was saint belonging to Baul-sampraday who had become a spirit due to his wrongdoing/previous deeds in the past life and would only let go of the lady(daughter-in-law) if he received the leftovers of a saintly being (since the spirit was already a saint in the past life, he knew how pure a saint and his association is). The lady then requested Srila Param Gurudeva to come to her house; perform spiritual discourses on Srimad Bhagavatam and to partake of the offerings to the Lord.

Srila ParamGuruMaharaj narrated everything to Srila GuruMaharaj then ordered Srila GuruMahara to go for Srimad Bhagavatam Path with other one god-brother to do as requested by the lady. Srila GuruMaharaj thought," I have

not yet become fully saint yet, what if my leftovers do not hold enough power for the deliverance of the spirit? Then the prestige of my Srila GuruMaharaj and the Math would be in question"; fearing so he left for the lady's house and began to perform all the auspicious services as ordered by Param GuruMaharaj with his one god-brother.

When Srila GuruMaharaj after cooking, was Offering Bhoga to His Lordship after that Srila GuruMaharaj began taking Prasad the spirit entered the lady (daughter-in-law) started screeching, making loud noises and violent body movements. Srila GuruMaharaj understood everything. Then that lady's family member provided the possessed lady with the leftovers of Srila Gurupada-padma.

In scripture it's stated that,

bhakta-pada-dhuli āra bhakta-pada-jala
bhakta-bhukta-avasesa,tina maha-bala

Translation

The dust of the feet of a devotee, the water that has washed the feet of a devotee, and the remnants of food left by a devotee are three very powerful substances.

Having taken it to the mouth she moved far away from everyone to a corner of the room and then fainted. In such a way the spirit was delivered by taking the leftovers of Srila Gurupada-padma.

2. This incident took place after a few years of Srila GuruMaharaj joining Math. One of the god-brothers of Srila GuruMaharaj was not on the ideal path of being a saint; he used to smoke in hiding. One day he confronted a sudden death. His soul didn't pass on due to his attachments. He used to share a room with Srila GuruMaharaj and hid a packet of cigarettes in that room. His soul appeared daily in the night and circumambulated sleeping Srila GuruMaharaj . He used to do this with the thought that if somehow Srila GuruMaharaj (saint) touched him he would get liberated. Whenever he used to appear, Srila GuruMaharaj knew right away. Srila GuruMaharaj felt heaviness in the body in the soul's presence. Srila GuruMaharaj didn't get scared but observed the soul. This continued for a few days. One day when the spirit was circumambulating, Srila GuruMaharaj kicked in the air. The kick touched the spirit and liberated it right away. The spirit then never appeared again after getting a pious touch of Srila GuruMaharaj . Everything about a saintly person is pious.

There are such similar examples as seen in Srimad Bhagavatam Mahimamrta about Dhundukari who became a ghost after his death due to his past actions and

attachment. He got liberation just by listening to Srimad Bhagavatam recitation from the mouth of Gokarna.

3. Another such incident took place in a family who lives in Burdwan. At their house one Brahmhadwatya (one of ghostly form) lived for many years so that their haunted house could become peaceful once again when they came into contact with Srila Gurupada-padma requested by them for permanent solutions to release this ghost. At the family's request Srila GuruMaharaj went with his disciples to their home, recited Srimad Bhagvatam by himself. When Srila Gurupada-padma was discussing Harikatha, suddenly the sound of a loud bang was heard. The house members inquired about the noise. It was seen that one big branche of a tree in the courtyard had fallen (no Storm around) This one branch was the residing place of the spirit which now had been liberated by listening to Shrimad Bhagavatam from the lotus mouth of a pure saint.

Dhundhukari's deliverance from the ghost position

Not knowing the method to liberate Dhundhukari from his ghastly position, Gokarna, at the time of his morning prayers, faced the sun and put the question forward to the deity of the Sun. The Sun-god replied "It would be good if you conduct the 7 day sacrifice of reciting the Shrimad Bhagavatham for your brother's welfare. Dhundhukari shall be surely redeemed from his position. " Gokarna relayed this idea to Dhundhukari. However Gokarna wanted to

understand as to how he could be convinced that the ghostly form of Dhundhukari is being liberated progressively as he delivered the Bhagavatha each day. To this Dhundhukari replied that he would possess the 7 eyes on the trunk of a nearby tree, in front of which Gokarna was to deliver the Bhagavatha. If the Bhagavatha were delivered satisfactorily each day, one eye of the tree would burst on its own and once all the seven eyes of the tree were to be burst, it could be safely concluded that Dhundhukari was relieved of his ghostly form.

Can the Bhagavatha deliver liberation?

Now the question may arise, is it possible that if the ghostly form of Dhundhukari were to be released to a very high platform, shall it be the case with every Jiva who is also listening to the Bhagavatha? The answer to this lies in earnestness. The ghostly-formed Dhundhukari was most anxious in relieving himself from his current position. This was his one-point program, his sole intention. Hence when the intention is clear and when he listens to the Bhagavatha with non-deviating attention, he shall attain his highest goal. However it is not clear about the intentions and commitments of the listeners of the Bhagavatha. It is important that one should listen to the Bhagavatha with unsurpassable commitment and attention, with the sole purpose of attaining the Lotus feet of Sri Govinda. Only under such circumstances can the Shrimad Bhagavatham deliver the desired result unmistakably. Thus listening to the

Bhagavatham is one step, but the next step is to contemplate one's own liberation on hearing the Bhagavatham with total poise and surrender. This is the key.

4. There was a disciple of Gurupada-padma who was initiated by Param GuruMaharaj in Math. Gurupada-padma bestowed him with the 'attire of a Babaji'. Generally it has been the daily routine of Gurupada-padma to wake up at 2:30 a.m., perform Ahanik and set out for the temple circumvention and Harinama-japa. The Baba ji and Gurupada-padma used to circumambulate the temple together in the Brahma-muhurta. After Babaji's demise Srila Gurupada-padma used to experience an ambrosial scent everyday during his circumambulation around 3-4 a.m. in the morning. He had realized that it was due to Babaji's presence who had not yet been liberated. He went to Haridwar and paid homage to Babaji in Ganga river for his liberation. This way Babaji Maharaj also got liberated. Such is the glory of a Vaishnav saint. The dust of a saint's feet is equal to the fruit of times of sadhana (spiritual contemplation).

From this incident we can understand that without the mercy of a pure devotee, who has surrendered himself unto the lotus feet of The Supreme Lord, the materialistic living entity under the mode of ignorance cannot ever get pacification.

In CC Madhya 22.51

mahat-krpa vina kona karme 'bhakti' naya

krsna-bhakti dure rahu, samsāra nahe ksaya

"Unless one is favored by a pure devotee, one cannot attain the platform of devotional service. To say nothing of kṛṣṇa-bhakti, one cannot even be relieved from the bondage of material existence. Pious activities bring about material opulence, but one cannot acquire devotional service by any amount of material pious activity – not by giving charity, opening big hospitals and schools or working philanthropically. Devotional service can be attained only by the mercy of a pure devotee. Without a pure devotee's mercy, one cannot even escape the bondage of material existence.

Sri Narottoma Das Thakur is singing,

"vaisnava carana jala, prema bhakti dite bol,
ara keho nahe balavanta
vaishava carana renu, mastake bhusana vinu,
ara nahi bhusanera anta"

The water that has washed the lotus feet of the Vaisnavas bestows devotional service in pure love of God. Nothing else is as effective for attaining this divine love. I place dust from the lotus feet of the Vaisnavas upon my head. I wear no other ornaments.

Cured many devotees from various serious ailments

In one such incident Srila GuruMaharaj was approached by a couple with a one-two years old baby. Being helpless they told Srila Gurupada-padma that the baby was diagnosed with some serious liver ailment and the doctors had recommended operation as the only way; however there was no certainty that the child would live. Srila Gurupada-padma looked at the baby carefully and said, "I can't do much but since it's the wish of my GuruMaharaj and Sriman Mahaprabhu; I shall give you this kavach (amulet processed with sacred mantras). Wash this amulet with water and make the child drink the water." After a few months when the child looked like he was doing better the couple decided to show him to the doctor once more. On looking at the child's CT-Scan reports the doctor couldn't believe his eyes. He said that the child had become perfectly well; this was nothing but a miracle. There was no trace of any ailment to the same child which was recommended with operation as the only option. Till this date that growing child wears the amulet and is perfectly healthy living the life.

Final Words

Just like The Supreme Lord descends to the material world for the welfare of the living entities; correspondingly His intimate devotees from the spiritual world also manifest themselves on the Earth. After the accomplishment of His desired results The Lord sustains his pastimes and returns to his abode. Such a manifested representative sent by God is the Guru (Spiritual master); by resorting to their lotus feet the conditioned souls like us can be liberated from this ocean of worldly existence/ sufferings.

In the language of Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakur,

"vaisnaba-carana bina nahi bhava-parabar,
bhakativinoda nare hoibare par"

"Without the lotus feet of the devotees of the Lord, Bhaktivinoda is not able to cross to the other side of this ocean of material existence."

The God-encouraged-Vaishnavs manifest in this material world and perform pastimes to deliver the living entities who are influenced by this age of darkness-Kali.

"Vaishnav-mahima" to glorify the Vaishnav character, It is an absolute requirement of the conditioned souls like us to glorify the pastimes of such Vaishnavas, saintly people.

"Vaishnavera gunogaan korile jivero traan"

As The Supreme Lord's pastimes are limitless, similarly, the pastimes of His intimate devotees are also unlimited.

With my limited intelligence I have been able to narrate only a tiny fraction of this priceless life history of Srila Gurupada-padma's glories. There are no margins to these pastimes, these are limitless and cannot be concluded by communication.

"ye sab kathar nahi parichched, aavirbhav tirobhava maatra kahe veda"

